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Reports

Item#1

ASIA PACIFIC ECONOMIC OUTLOOK: AUSTRALIA, CHINA, INDIA, JAPAN. Deloitte. January 2010.

The January 2010 edition of the Asia Pacific economic outlook gives a near-term outlook for Australia, China, India, and Japan.

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http://www.deloitte.com/assets/Dcom-Global/Local%20Assets/Documents/Deloitte%20Research/dtt_dr_apeconoutlook_0110.pdf

[PDF format, 9 pages].

Item#2

AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY IN AND BEYOND THE CRISIS. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. David Haugh et al. January 26, 2010.

The paper considers the role of the automobile industry in the current cycle. It shows that the industry is economically important and its cycle is intertwined with business cycles.

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[http://www.oilis.oecd.org/oilis/2010doc.nsf/LinkTo/NT000009FE/\\$FILE/JT03277464.PDF](http://www.oilis.oecd.org/oilis/2010doc.nsf/LinkTo/NT000009FE/$FILE/JT03277464.PDF) [PDF format, 36 pages].

Item#3

CONFRONTING THE LONG CRISIS OF GLOBALIZATION: RISK, RESILIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL ORDER. Brookings Institution. Alex Evans et al. January 26, 2010.

The nature of risks to global security has changed dramatically since the fall of the Berlin Wall, but our mechanisms for preventing, responding and adapting to them have lagged far behind. While there have been limited efforts to develop more effective international responses, these have been piecemeal and have produced only modest increases in global resilience, according to the report.

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http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Files/rc/reports/2010/01_globalization_evans_jones_steven/01_globalization_evans_jones_steven.pdf

[PDF format, 50 pages].

Item#4

CONFUCIUS VS. AVATAR: AND THE WINNER IS... YaleGlobal. Mary Kay Magistad. January 25, 2010.

When the movie Avatar was mysteriously pulled from the cinemas in China, bloggers and pundits alike suspected censorship. But why would a science fiction movie about 10 foot tall blue hominids cause such a stir? For one, the themes of land expropriation and forced evictions featured in the movie resonated with the experiences of many Chinese, according to Beijing-based journalist Mary Kay Magistad. And that Avatar, after grossing \$76 million in China, was followed by a movie about Confucius, with a subtext of "respect for hierarchy", made the shift in messages seem a little too coincidental. In the end, the film was brought back by popular demand.

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<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/confucius-vs-avatar> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#5

CONTESTED COMMONS: THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN POWER IN A MULTIPOLAR WORLD. Center for New American Security. Abraham M. Denmark et al. January 2010.

This is an edited volume featuring five chapters and a capstone piece on the future of American power in the sea, air, space and cyberspace. Authors include CNAS Fellow Abraham M. Denmark, Dr. James Mulvenon, Frank Hoffman, CNAS Military Fellow Lt Col Kelly Martin (USAF), Oliver Fritz, Eric Sterner, Dr. Greg Rattray, Chris Evans, Jason Healey, and CNAS Senior Fellow Robert D. Kaplan.

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http://www.cnas.org/files/documents/publications/CNAS%20Contested%20Commons_1.pdf [PDF format, 200 pages].

Item#6

EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI: LEADING U.S. FOUNDATIONS RESPOND TO THE CRISIS. Foundation Center. Lawrence T. McGill and Steven Lawrence. January 2010.

In the immediate aftermath of the January 12, 2010, earthquake in Haiti, the Foundation Center surveyed members of its Grantmaker Leadership Panel to gauge the reaction of top U.S. funders to the unfolding crisis. Findings suggest that a number of leading funders are considering a direct response to the crisis, with a primary focus on providing emergency assistance.

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http://foundationcenter.org/gainknowledge/research/pdf/researchadvisory_haiti.pdf [PDF format, 3 pages].

Item#7

ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE INDEX 2010. Yale University and Columbia University. Christine Kim et al. January 28, 2010.

The Index ranks 163 countries on 25 performance indicators tracked across ten policy categories covering both environmental public health and ecosystem vitality. These indicators provide a gauge at a national government scale of how close countries are to established environmental policy goals. The Index's proximity-to-target methodology facilitates cross-country comparisons as well as analysis of how the global community is doing collectively on each particular policy issue.

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<http://epi.yale.edu/> [HTML format with links].

Item#8

INDIA WANTS TO JOIN THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AS A WEAPON STATE. YaleGlobal. David P. Fidler and Sumit Ganguly. January 27, 2010.

The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) has suffered a lot of dents of late from its signatories: North Korea and Iran are just some examples. But the long standing refusal of India, Pakistan, and Israel – all possessors of nuclear weapons – to accede doesn't help either. However, India has recently made overtures that it wishes to join the NPT as a nuclear weapon state (NWS).

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<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/india-wants-join-non-proliferation-treaty> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#9

MIDDLE CLASS IN AMERICA. U.S. Department of Commerce. January 25, 2010.

The Commerce Department's Economics and Statistics Administration issued a report for Vice President Biden's Middle Class Task Force. The report, which identifies what it means to be middle class in America today, uses a host of measures to show that it is more difficult today to both attain and maintain a middle-class lifestyle than it was two decades ago.

Full Text:

http://www.commerce.gov/s/groups/public/@doc/@os/@opa/documents/content/prod01_008833.pdf [PDF format, 43 pages].

Item#10

PUBLIC'S PRIORITIES FOR 2010: ECONOMY, JOBS, TERRORISM. Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. January 25, 2010.

As President Obama begins his second year in office, the public's priorities for the president and Congress remain much as they were one year ago. Strengthening the nation's economy and improving the job situation continue to top the list. And, in the wake of the failed Christmas Day terrorist attack on a Detroit-bound airliner, defending the country from future terrorist attacks also remains a top priority. At the same time, the public has shifted the emphasis it assigns to two major policy issues: dealing with the nation's energy problem and reducing the budget deficit.

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<http://people-press.org/reports/pdf/584.pdf> [PDF format, 19 pages].

Item#11

THE STATUS REPORT: ASSESSING THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S FIRST YEAR. Brookings Institution. January 2010.

In January 2010, one year into the new presidency, Brookings experts rated the progress of the new administration on those same issues in The Status Report, a series of daily commentary and video. Each of the items provides an assessment of President Obama's performance in light of recommendations made during the Presidential Transition.

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[http://www.brookings.edu/about/status-report.aspx?rssid=LatestFromBrookings&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+BrookingsRSS%2Ftopfeeds%2FLatestFromBrookings+\(Brookings%3A+Latest+From+Brookings\)](http://www.brookings.edu/about/status-report.aspx?rssid=LatestFromBrookings&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+BrookingsRSS%2Ftopfeeds%2FLatestFromBrookings+(Brookings%3A+Latest+From+Brookings)) [HTML format with links].

Item#12

U.S. GROWTH IN THE DECADE AHEAD. National Bureau of Economic Research. Martin S. Feldstein. January 2010.

The paper examines the likely growth of U.S. GDP in the decade beginning in 2010. The author analyzes the two components of the rise in GDP over the ten year period: (1) the recovery from the substantially depressed level of economic activity at the start of the decade; and (2) the rise in potential GDP that will result from the expansion of the labor force, the growth of the capital stock, and the increase of multifactor productivity.

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<http://www.nber.org/papers/w15685.pdf> [PDF format, 9 pages].